are paying more than what they were previously paying. The statement of the Government is that at the Kurancheri Market and other places the rate of commission has been reduced. But the Ottupara Market will show something else.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon** (*Diwan Peishkar*).—In every other market, except this they have been prevented from collecting 6 as but only 4½ as.

## Appangat Canal—Narakkal—opening of.

113. **Mr. George Parakkal** (*Narakkal*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have started work on the Appangat Canal at Narakkal;

(b) at what stage the scheme of the Appangat Canal lies;

(c) whether it would be possible for the Government to speed up work on the Appangat Canal scheme?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*).—(a) and (b) A portion of the lands required for opening the canal has been acquired. Urgent action is being taken to acquire the remaining portion also and to open the canal.

(c) Please see answer above.

## Iyyattu Paramba Canal—Nayarambalam Village—opening of.

114. **Mr. George Parakkal** (*Narakkal*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have been approached for opening the Iyyattu Paramba Canal in the Nayarambalam village;

(b) whether they have prepared the approximate cost for opening the Iyyattu Paramba Canal;

(c) if the answer to sub division (b) of the question is in the affirmative, what that cost is;

(d) whether the Government will seriously consider the necessity of opening this canal for the benefit of the agriculturists?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** (*Chief Engineer*).—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

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(c) Rs. 7,350.

(d) The work will be included in the next year's budget if funds permit.

**Mr. George Parakkal** *(Narakkal.)*—Considering the importance of the scheme, will the Government be pleased to delete from the answer to subdivision (d) the words "if funds permit", and take up the work immediately?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—It is not possible.

## Scarcity of water supply—Vellarapilly.

**115. Mr. George Parakkal** *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received complaints from the villagers of Vellarapilly regarding the scarcity of water supplied through the lift irrigation system;

(b) whether the Government has done anything to rectify this grievance?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—(a) Yes.

(b) Improvements required for the Lift Irrigation are engaging the attention of the Government.

**Mr. George Parakkal** *(Narakkal).*—Will the Government be pleased to expedite the improvements required for the lift irrigation so that water may be available for the next summer crop?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—Government will consider the matter.

## Travellers' Bungalow, Ernakulam—expenditure incurred.

**116. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount so far spent by them for purchasing, repairing and equipping the new Travellers' Bungalow at Ernakulam?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer).*—The cost of purchasing the building came to Rs. 27,500. Repairs and electrification estimated to cost Rs. 3,800 are being carried out.

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